

HSCA Advisory Committee
Conference Call
June 7, 2018
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Marianne Cinaglia, CCOBH
Clay Greer, Ten Bears
Trip Fischer, BSTI
Becky Harrington, NAI Emory Hill
Rep. Debra Heffernan
Gianna Rosati, EPA
Nick Santella, BSTI
Doug Seavey, Landmark
Harley Yerkes, Environmental Alliance
Marian Young, BrightFields

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Marjorie Crofts
Kate Durant
Melissa Leckie
Caleb Melvin
Tim Ratsep
Alex Rittberg
Qazi Salahuddin
Paul Will
Jill Williams-Hall
Christina Wirtz

Introductions and Opening Remarks – Tim Ratsep welcomed members on the call.

Approval of March 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Updates – Marj Crofts and Marion Young discussed the results of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee held on 6/5 and the proposed House Bill (HB No. 451) to help stabilize revenue for the HSCA Fund. This would be done by minimizing the wide swings in revenue due to oil price changes. The proposed bill would cap the HSCA tax rate at 1.675% and allow the lowest rate to drop to 0.675%, versus the current HSCA tax rate of 0.9%. The proposed bill would also set aside a minimum of \$5,000,000 annually in HSCA funds for the Brownfields Grant Program. The proposed bill will be sent to HAC members when ready. Sponsors include Rep. Bolden & Sen. Walsh along with Reps. Bennett, Brady, Dukes, and Spiegelman; and Sens. Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, and Sokola. Of the \$1.5 million available for Brownfields grant funding for FY19, only \$750,000 remains and is anticipated to be depleted in the fall.

Additional updates: Nancy Marker, the Administrator for the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section (SHWMS) retired at the end of March 2018. Jason Sunde will be the new administrator.

Updates for TMS – Alex provided the following updates:

- Ms. Eileen Butler will be joining the Tank Management Section as the new Planner IV beginning June 18th.
- The DNREC Tank Management Section is continuing to work with EPA in drafting changes to the UST Regulations. The regulatory development process will continue into 2019. The next draft, which will incorporate changes based on EPA's comments on the previous draft, will be available at the end of August 2018.
- The DNREC Tank Management Section is continuing to review and update the Delaware Risk Based Corrective Action document's exposure assumptions, and toxicity values which will result in changes to our program's screening and cleanup levels. We expect to have a draft for public comment by the September HAC meeting.

Updates for SIRS –Tim provided the following updates:

- Karissa Hendershot retired in February; her position will be filled on July 9. Wendy March transferred to the SHWMS in April. Shortly thereafter, Caleb Melvin transferred from SHWMS to SIRS and will manage the Long Term Stewardship program.

HAC Subcommittee Report-outs:

- **Technical Subcommittee** – Qazi Salahuddin discussed the subcommittee's meetings and proposed actions regarding shortening the time period required for soil gas sampling, as well as changing the format and other requirements for the Conceptual Site Model (CSM) and Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP). The subcommittee is also developing background levels for metals and will work with an expert on biometric statistics from Fish and Wildlife.
- **Finance Subcommittee** – Tim discussed revenue and the budget for HSCA. The expected revenue from the HSCA tax was \$7 million, the actual amount generated by the tax was \$7.5 million. Remedial costs were also less than projected (\$2.3 million less). The new HSCA expenditure plan is due in Sept./Oct. 2018.
- **Regulatory Subcommittee** – see above discussion.
- **Outreach & Education Subcommittee** – no report.
- **Ecological Revitalization & Green Restoration Group** – no report.
- **Business/Public Comments** – None

Next Meeting will be on Sept. 6, 2018 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm at the DNREC Lukens Field Office, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE 19720. Phone: 302.395.2600.